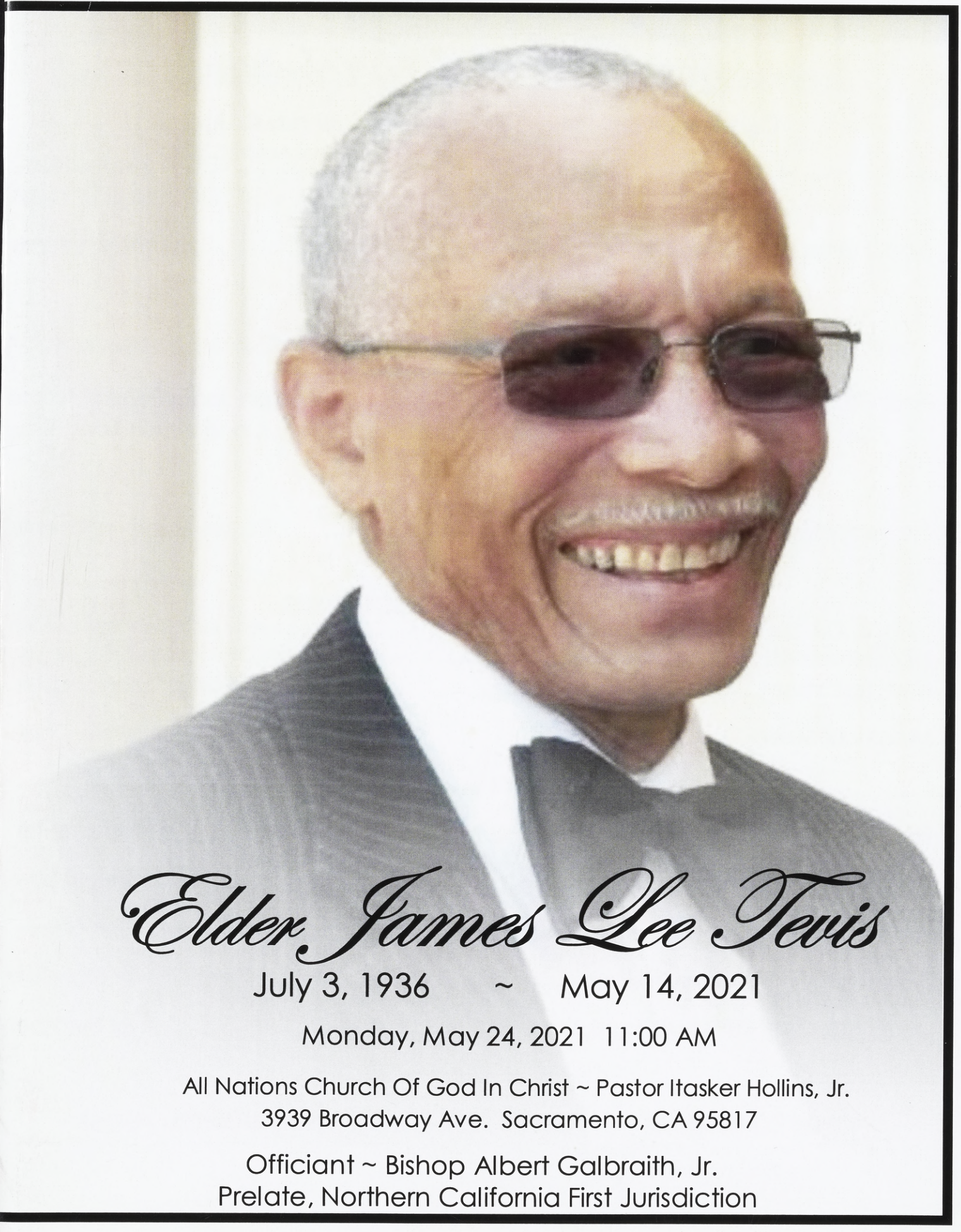

Elder James Lee Tevis

July 3, 1936 ~ May 14, 2021

Monday, May 24, 2021 11:00 AM

All Nations Church Of God In Christ ~ Pastor Itasker Hollins, Jr.
3939 Broadway Ave. Sacramento, CA 95817

Officiant ~ Bishop Albert Galbraith, Jr.
Prelate, Northern California First Jurisdiction

The Order of Celebration

Celebration Expeditor, Superintendent Johnny Q. Jones
1st Administrative Assistant, NCFJ

VIEWING
10:00 ~10:45am

Musical Prelude

PROCESSIONAL

Final Glimpse Until Glory.....Morgan Jones Funeral Home
Sealing of the Bier.....Wife Margaret, James Jr. and Jamie Tevis

Prayer for Strength and Comfort.....Pastor Itasker Hollins, Jr.

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament.....Deacon Ulysses Henderson
New Testament.....Pastor Dennis Austin

Ministry of Music.....Tevis Family Choir

EXPRESSIONS

Debronna Sanders.....Granddaughter

Deacon Willie Carter.....Brother in Law

Pastor Fred Williams .....Friend of the Family

Superintendent Dennis Johnson.....Clergy Representative

Superintendent Jeffery C. Hunt, Sr.....Family Member

~ **OPEN EXPRESSIONS –** IN RESPECT OF THE FAMILY **(TWO MINUTES)** PLEASE ~

The Order of Celebration continued...

RESOLUTIONS

Greater Love COGIC.....

Nash Temple COGIC.....

Ministry of Music.....Tevis Family Choir

Acknowledgement of Cards.....Missionary Jessica West

THE SCROLL OF LIFE

Missionary Jessica West

Sermonic Selection.....Missionary Pamela Hunt

Presentation of the Messenger.....Superintendent J.Q. Jones

1st Administrative Assistant, NCFJ

PROCLAMATION OF HOPE

Bishop Albert Galbraith, Jr.

Prelate, Northern California First Jurisdiction

~MUSICAL RECESSIONAL~

The Scroll of Life

Elder James Lee Tevis was born the seventh of ten children to Evangelist Tiny and Ruby Tevis on July 3, 1936, in Fostoria, Texas.

James attended Booker T. Washington High School in Conroe, TX. At an early age, he accepted Christ as his Savior under the leadership of his father. He faithfully served his church family at Tevis Memorial in Texas until he relocated to Los Angeles, CA, to be with his eldest sister Julia.

James served a combined 31 years in the United States Military. He began his civil service with the United States Air Force at McClellan Air Force Base as an Aircraft Electrician. In 1960, after being drafted, he graduated from the US Army Southeastern Signal School and served two years active duty. During his time, he was able to see much of the world traveling to places like Australia, Canada, and Thailand, to name a few. He also traveled across the US, where he was able to take along his children.

James came to Sacramento, CA, to be with his sister Alice and attended Prayer Temple (later renamed Nash Temple COGIC) Pastored by the late Amos Nash, where he met and fell in love with Clarissa Fisher and on July 28, 1957, they married. To this union of 34 years was born: Debra, Jane, and James Jr. He was a dedicated husband to Clarissa until her passing.

James was a leader in the senior choir, with his close friends Bishop Albert Galbraith and the late Superintendent Itasker Hollins Sr., and the Tevis Family Choir. After rededicating his life to the Lord in 1983 at a family reunion in Texas, he returned to Sacramento and accepted the call to ministry and became an ordained Elder under Superintendent Thurman Reed. James was a dancing and singing preacher who continued to sing and praise the Lord every chance he could. He was a member of the Northern California First Jurisdiction (NCFJ) Men's Chorus and sang at numerous services and events. If he was in the building during appreciation services, we looked forward to hearing his rendition of, "*Give me my flowers*."

One day, at a Women's Convention, his sister Alice introduced him to Margaret Watson, whom he affectionally called "Doll." Cupid struck again, and in September of 1991, James and Margaret wed. As a faithful and devoted husband, they joined families, lovingly enfolding her children: Randall, Quentine, Raelinda, Nikkole, Velvet, Markita, and later became parents to Monica. After the passing of their sister & brother-in-law James and Rosa Moody, they also added Andrea. James worked for over 18 years at Central Valley Foster Care as a Family Service provider. The children he cared for loved him dearly.

During this time, James attended Greater Love COGIC, Shepherded by Superintendent J.Q. Jones. He served for over 29 years as Assistant Pastor, Sunday School Catechizer, President of the Men's Department, and President of the Men's Chorus. He also served as Evangelist Department President and Adjutant for Northern California First Jurisdiction (NCFJ).

The Scroll of Life

James always had a story to share. He loved talking about family and sharing stories about his life with a big smile on his face. His laugh was infectious, and he was full of energy, always wanting to encourage others around him. Even in his final days, he held on to his faith and loved the Lord and continued to praise God while encouraging others around him without complaint.

As a father, he was very involved in his children's lives. He shared his love of sports with his children, coaching their baseball teams and showing up for basketball games. He also had a passion for traveling. The family took many trips across the country in their motor home, going to places like Disneyland and exploring Florida, Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, bringing together family to enjoy lots of fun and laughter. He also became father to many foster children, embracing them as his own.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 29 years, District Missionary Margaret Tevis; Daughters: Jane Littlejohn, Missionary RaeLinda Berry (Nathan), District Missionary Nikkole Brown, LMFT (Clifford), Velvet Watson, Markita Watson, Monica Tevis, Rosa Andrea Moody; Sons: James Tevis, Jr. (Shelly), Randall Watson (Loida), Quentine Watson, 22 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three sister-in-law's: Missionary Julia Hollins, Sharon Moody, Shirley Smith (George), four brother-in-law's: Minister Howard Anderson (Connie), Deacon Willie Carter (Margaret), Wesley Carter (Marva), Noel Carter, Goddaughter Sharonda Erwin, several bonus children who knew him as Dad, Central Valley Foster Care Family, Greater Love COGIC Church Family, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Tiny and Ruby Tevis, his wife Clarissa Tevis, nine siblings, and his daughters Debra and Virginia.

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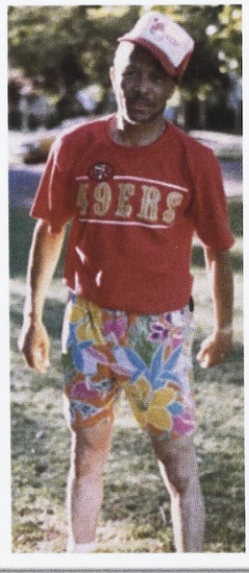

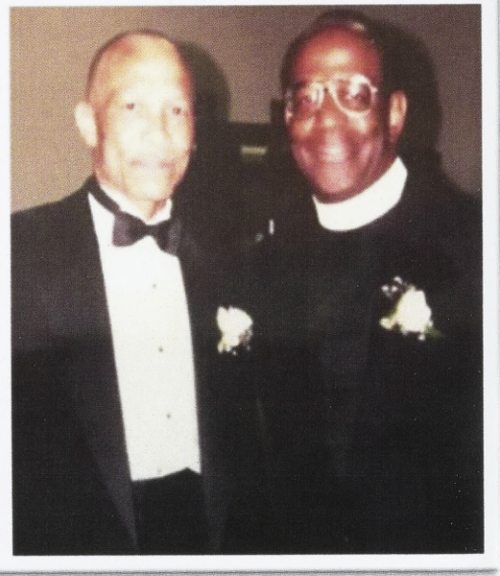

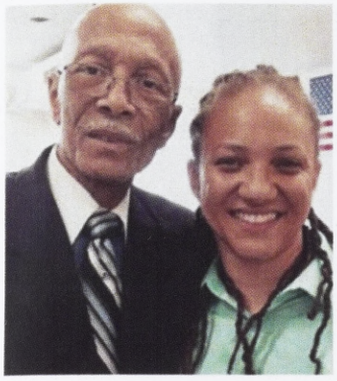

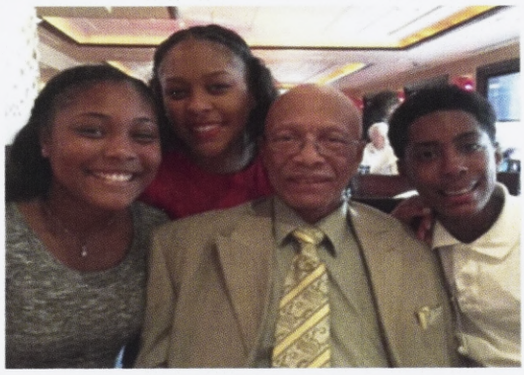

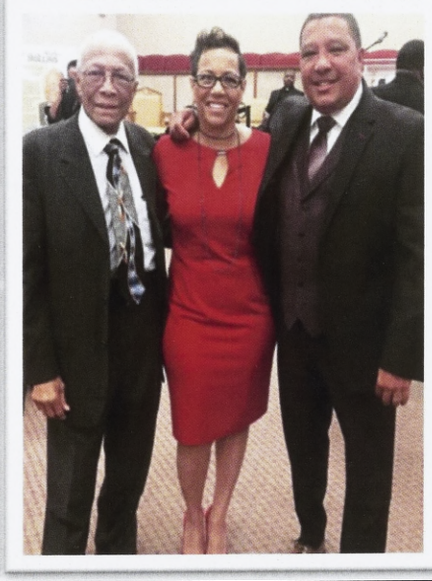

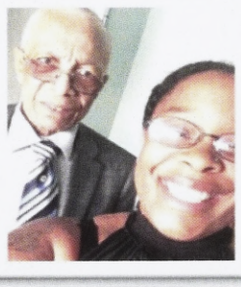

Active Pallbearers

Oliver Tevis, Jr.
Elder Nathan Berry
Colby Tevis
Jeffery Hunt, Jr.
Elder Clifford "CJ" Brown
Nicholas Brown
Markeese Pete
D'Adrien Sanders

Honorary Pallbearers

Edward Harris
Wesley Carter
Sid Tevis
Terrell Ard
Deacon Willie Carter
Minister Howard Anderson
Pastor Fred Williams
Willie Irving

Our Appreciation & Gratitude

The Tevis family would like to say thank you to all of the extended family, clergy, guests, and friends. Thank you for your support and generosity. We appreciate having you with us at this difficult time in our lives. The love and comfort you have provided us doesn't go unnoticed. May God continue to richly bless you for your loving acts of kindness.

Interment

Sacramento Memorial Lawn
6100 Stockton, Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95824

Repast will be held at Williams Memorial COGIC
4495 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95820
~Immediately following the interment~

Arrangements made Especially and Professionally Directed By:
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